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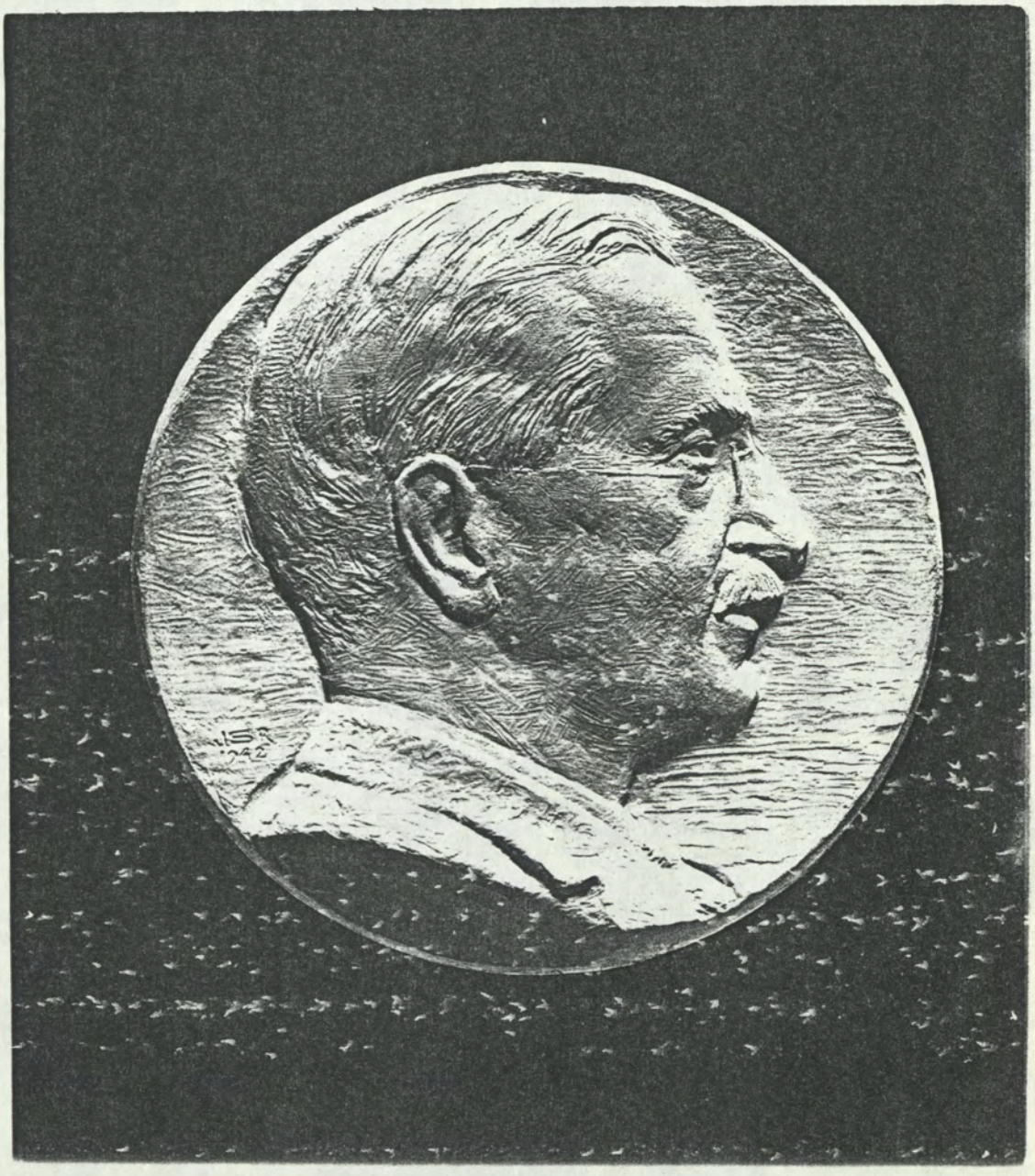

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READING, PA.

July 17, 1930.

Mr. John R. Sinnock,

Treasury Department,

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Sinnock:

Your very kind letter of July 11th and the beautiful medals were duly received. I am very sorry that I did not see you on the occasion of your recent visit here, but I certainly want to thank you for sending us the medals which will be duly placed on exhibition. They are certainly splendid pieces of work and we are proud to have them. Please accept our sincere thanks.

I trust that you will pay us another visit when next you come to Reading.

Dr. Mengel joins me in sending his best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Earl L. Poole

ELP:MP

GUY F. REINERT
BOYERTOWN, PA.

Oct. 7, 1941.

Dear Mr. Limock:

A little over a week ago I noticed in the Reading Times that you have been commissioned to make a medallion of Dr. Levi. W. Mengel, formerly head of the Reading Museum. On Sunday a week ago I spoke to Earle Poole again about having a limited number of, say 3" medals made of Dr. Mengel. Would it not be possible to make reductions of the medallion you are going to make? At the time of Dr. Mengels death I spoke to a number of people about it and all favored it including Dr. Toothaker of the Commercial Museum 3 & Dr & Spruce Sts Phila Pa who was a very intimate friend of Dr. Mengels.

I believe if you talked to the Committee about it, it would be possible to dispose of at least a 100 medals. I think it would be fine to have his portrait on the face of the medal and a view of the Museum on the reverse side.

Dr Mengel was not only a high school instructor of mine but was also one of my sponsors for my fellowship from the Carl Schurz Foundation.

I am at present an instructor on the Defense Training Program located at

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the Deanford High School working from 10.00 P.M to 6.30 A.M. It has been quite a pleasure to me to walk through the first floor corridor of the high school and view the panels done by you above the doorways. Its a rarity to see a high school that has art incorporated in its structure.

In conclusion may I say it would be a great pleasure to own a medal of Mr. Mengel designed by you.

Sincerely,
Guy F. Reinert
Boyertown, Pa.